GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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College Admission
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hold a national test after twelfth standard for college admission;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the committee that formulated National Educational Policy, 2016 has also suggested for such type of test;
(d) if so, the other suggestions made by the committee in this regard;
(e) whether the Government has any consultation with States in this regard; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) and (b): No, Madam.
(c) to (f): The Government initiated the process of formulating a New Education Policy (NEP), for which it carried out nearly a year-long multi-pronged consultation process through online; grassroots from village to block, district, state and zonal levels; and thematic consultations. NEP was also an agenda item in the 63rd CABE meeting held on 19th August, 2015. Six zonal meetings were also held with the State Education Ministers, State Education Secretaries and other state officials. The State Governments played a very important role in the entire consultation process.
All suggestions received through the extensive consultations were sent to the Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy constituted by the Ministry under the chairmanship of Shri T.S.R. Subramanian, former Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India, with NUEPA as its Secretariat. The Committee submitted its report on the 27th May, 2016 and the same can be accessed at http://www.nuepa.org/New/download/NEP2016/ReportNEP.pdf. In its Report, it has recommended that a National Level Test open to everyone having completed class 12 from any School Board should be designed which would make the successful candidates eligible for admissions to various courses including professional courses, without appearing in different entrance tests.
The Ministry has written to the relevant Government of India Ministries and State Governments inviting comments/views/suggestions by 31st July, 2016. All recommendations inputs are still under deliberations and no final view has yet been taken.
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